

# The Gatekeeper

*The official newsletter of the*

# Barony of Unser Hafen



## December 2024

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# Baronial Bite

Greetings unto the Barony this Holiday Season,

Newcomers is still happening! It has been rescheduled for February 22 at the same place as planned before. See the event information at <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/newcomers>. This is also the polling for the new Baron and Baroness, where the populace can provide their opinion to the Crown for who should be the next Baron/Baroness. If you are interested in the position, please send a letter to the Crown at [crown@outlands.org](mailto:crown@outlands.org) and the Heirs at [Heirs@outlands.org](mailto:Heirs@outlands.org) detailing why you would be an awesome choice for the position. These letters are due by the Winter Coronation on January 18, 2025. We would like to thank Lady Caírech for the time and energy she put in for the original planning of the event, and thank you to Lady Eithne for stepping in as steward for the rescheduled event. We are sad that we will have to forgo Winter Oasis this year, but we have to be flexible when there is weather.

May 10 is the scheduled time for the investiture of the new Baron and Baroness (whoever they may be). Planning for that will begin soon led by Lord Gregor and Don Andreas.

We encourage everyone to attend Twelfth Night in Caerthe if you can. Two of our own will be receiving their peerages. Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley will be admitted to the Order of the Laurel for her artistic ability and Don Andreas will become a Master of Defense for his skill in the rapier. Come and lend them your support as they step into these new roles.

On Monday December 2 there will be a Yule celebration at Gryphon Games for the Fort Collins Baronial Medieval Night { See <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/medieval-night> } and the next week will be a Yule party at the White Rose Inn at Baroness Hélène's. See <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/white-rose-inn>

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming holiday events,

Freana and Richenda  
Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen

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## Scholar's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Looks like winter is upon us, with snowfall making changes to our schedule. First was the postponement of Newcomers. But! It has been rescheduled for February 22nd , 2025! It will be in the same location, the YMCA in Johnstown. And will include the polling to determine the successors of Our beloved Excellencies, Freana and Richenda. Please come and have your opinion heard. If you are interested in representing the Barony throughout the Kingdom, letters of intent are due by Winter Coronation, January 18 th , 2025. Come, be welcome to our Barony and the SCA! Newcomers will offer you a multitude of classes, fighting, music and food. Make new friends! Volunteering is another way to meet people. Every event is an opportunity to help and learn.

The Barony is still looking for a Baronial Chatelaine and a Baronial Quartermaster. If you're interested, information about these positions is available on the Unser Hafen website in the "Call for Officers". Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you only want to dip your toe into the pool, many of us are looking for Deputies!

The Shire of Windkeep will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary in December. Let's join the celebration with our neighbors to the north at Yule Feast on the 7th .

For more information on any of these events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

Until later, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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## Herald's Call

Greetings, Unser Hafen!

Nothing new this month! I'm still looking for a deputy/successor, with the same stipulations as previously:

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successful.

- All I ask is that you have an appetite for learning new things.

As always I would love to sit down with anyone even peripherally interested at a time of mutual convenience, either in-person or online.

Also, it occurs to me that I haven't been doing a very good job advertising my office hours. I'm going to start announcing them on Discord and Facebook, so keep an eye out!

Finally, I will still be hosting a heraldic consultation table at the rescheduled Newcomers! Please feel free to talk it up to any newcomers who might like to learn more about names or heraldry, or if you're interested in learning more about the job, this would be an excellent opportunity for you to sit down with me and get some hands-on experience consulting and learning about the mechanics of book heraldry.

-- Andreas, Barbican (Acting)

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## Scribal Notes

Decemberr's Scribal Night will be on the third Monday, December 16th.

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 6:30 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org), via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org) with your ideas!

Yours in Service,

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Scribal Night is held on the 3rd Monday of the Month at the home of Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown CO.

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# Fighter Practice

## And A&S Gathering

Sundays

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse

901 S College Ave, Fort Collins

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# Medieval Night

## Gryphon Games and Comics

First Monday of every month

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

1119 W Drake Rd C-30,

Fort Collins, CO 80526

[map](#)

Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,  
garb making, arts and crafts, and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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# White Rose Inn

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. If you are interested in medieval food, there will be a short talk and things to taste test. Bring along and share your own culinary experiments if you want. Not into cooking? Come test what others have made. Or just come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation. Don't live in Unser Hafen? You are welcome as well.

Come Taste, Test, And Talk.

No SCA garb is required. You are welcome to bring food if you didn't have time for dinner.  
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

**Wednesday December 11, 2024**

The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Hélène Boudin

2114 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Greeley [map](#)

Phone (970) 590-7602

Subject: Holiday Potluck

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# Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to [chronicler@unserhafen.org](mailto:chronicler@unserhafen.org) and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to

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Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (expect February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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## Baronial Goings On

### Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering

Sundays, 2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM

See Fighter Practice section above for location.

We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences

### Barbican Office Hours

When: The second Thursday of November the 12th.

Where: Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 815 14th St SW B100, Loveland, CO 80537

What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican

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Faces.

Garb is encouraged

### Archery Practice

Winter archery practice is on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 2 pm to 4pm at Rocky Mountain Archery 4518 Innovation Dr. in Fort Collins. [Map](#)

Note: We may start a few minutes late to allow everyone to clear out of private events before opening.

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

### Calligraphy &/or Illumination

Contact: Regalis dei Falchi

Email: [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org)

### Scribal Night

Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, [\(map\)](#) or virtually - check the [Book of Faces](#) for links to the meetings.

For more information contact [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org).

### Equestrian Practice

Fourth Sunday of every month.  
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor  
970-420-6652

aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!

### Going on in Sterling

#### Medieval Night

First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.  
High Plains Dice and Games 1  
00 Broadway Street Suite 12  
Sterling, CO 80752

#### Archery Practice

First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.  
North Sterling State Park Range  
24005 Co Rd 330  
Sterling, CO 80751  
For more details, contact  
[Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com](mailto:Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com) or  
[Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com](mailto:Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com).

Visit the [Website](#) for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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## Upcoming Events

### Windkeep 40th Anniversary and Yule Fest

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Opens 1:00 pm Closes 9:00 pm

David Romero Park

1317 Parsley Blvd,

Cheyenne, WY 82007

[Event Site](#)

### Caer Galen Madrigal Midwinter

Saturday, December 14th, 2024

LifeSpring Covenant Church

753 S Dotsero Drive

Loveland, CO 80537

[Event Site](#)

### Twelfth Night

Crossroads of Constantinople

Saturday, January 4th, 2025

Come celebrate Twelfth Night with our neighbors to the south and see two of our own get elevated!

Waymire Dome

Adams County Fair Grounds

9755 Henderson Road

Brighton, Colorado

[Event Site](#)

### Newcomers and Baronial Polling

Saturday, February 22nd, 2025

Johnstown YMCA

165 Settler Way, Johnstown, CO 80534

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Tear down 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Saturday.

Event Steward: THL Eithne ingen Fhaelain Duib ([clairedebrighid@gmail.com](mailto:clairedebrighid@gmail.com))

#### Event Fees

Adult (non-members): \$30

Adult w/member discount: \$20

Youth (15 & under) are Free

Payment via credit cards will be accepted

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Check the Unser Hafen [website](#) or [The Book of Faces](#) for additional upcoming events and locations.

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# Virtual Populace Meeting

*No Populace Meeting in December. Next Meeting will be January 15th, 2025.*

Join with Google Meet: [meet.google.com/fbz-augx-iqi](https://meet.google.com/fbz-augx-iqi)

Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

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# Kingdom Calendar

Please visit

<https://www.outlands.org/events>  
for the most up-to-date information.

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His Excellency

**Baron Freana Geardson**[baron@unserhafen.org](mailto:baron@unserhafen.org)

Her Excellency

**Baroness Richenda de la Selva**[baroness@unserhafen.org](mailto:baroness@unserhafen.org)

Court Herald - Sir Felix Sniumi

Defender - Lord Primus

Protector - Don Andreas

Warden - Alain du Chateau

Equerry - Mistress Llamnei

Arts &amp; Sciences Champion - Lady Regalis dei Falchi

Pencerdd Bard - Lord Vagn Egilsson

Barbican Persuivant - Don Andreas von Meissen

Head of Household - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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# Call for Letters of Intent

## Baron and Baroness

The Crown has proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the next Baron and/or Baroness of Unser Hafen!

Those interested in applying must submit Letters of Intent by **January 18th** to the Crown at [Crown@outlands.org](mailto:Crown@outlands.org)

**In your letter please include:**

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.

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Putting for the next Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen will be held at Newcomers, February 22nd, 2025.

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# Officers & Deputies

## Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)! Are you interested in helping people research and register their names and heraldry? Would you like to learn how to run courts or announce the fighters at tournaments? Are you eager to learn about the history of heraldry? You will receive on-the-job training prior to taking over as Barbican Pursuivant as Andreas transitions to his new role as Palmer Herald, deputy to White Stag Principal Herald.

## Quartermaster and Chatelaine/ Gold Key

Call for Volunteers to become Officers for the Barony of Unser Hafen. The following Baronial Officers have indicated that they wish to step down. Please consider submitting a letter of intent for these positions.

**Quartermaster:** Maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.

**Chatelaine/ Gold Key:** Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator. Provides and maintains loaner garb for newcomers.

## For All Officer Positions

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via [seneschal@unserhafen.org](mailto:seneschal@unserhafen.org)

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Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers>

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# Baronial Officers

## Seneschal:

President  
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int  
Slebh  
[seneschal@unserhafen.org](mailto:seneschal@unserhafen.org)

## Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Treasurer  
Mistress Ursula d'Arcy  
[exchequer@unserhafen.org](mailto:exchequer@unserhafen.org)

## Barbican Pursuivant Herald:

Assists members with names and devices  
Don Andreas von Meiß  
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)  
[herald@unserhafen.org](mailto:herald@unserhafen.org)

## Scribe:

Creates award scrolls  
Lady Regalis dei Falchi  
[Lord Galen FitzThomas]  
[scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org)

## Minister of Arts and Sciences:

Development of Arts and Sciences  
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir  
[aands@unserhafen.org](mailto:aands@unserhafen.org)

## Chronicler:

Creates this newsletter  
Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue  
[chronicler@unserhafen.org](mailto:chronicler@unserhafen.org)

## Web Administrators

## Knight Marshal:

Martial Arts Coordinator  
Sir Uchtred Leifsson  
[knightmarshal@unserhafen.org](mailto:knightmarshal@unserhafen.org)

## Captain of Archers:

Archery Coordinator  
Lord Roland Colby  
[archery@unserhafen.org](mailto:archery@unserhafen.org)

## Marshal of Fence:

Fencing Coordinator  
Don Martin de Cuniga  
[Maksym Wilozynski]  
[fence@unserhafen.org](mailto:fence@unserhafen.org)

## Equestrian:

Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.  
Lady Cecelia O'Connor  
[equestrian@unserhafen.org](mailto:equestrian@unserhafen.org)

## Chatelaine/ Gold Key:

Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator  
Provides loaner garb for newcomers.  
Position is open. [See Call for Letters](#)  
Deputy: Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin  
[chatelaine@unserhafen.org](mailto:chatelaine@unserhafen.org)

## Quartermaster:

Coordinates storage, upkeep, and

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Lord Galen FitzThomas

[quartermaster@unserhafen.org](mailto:quartermaster@unserhafen.org)**Social Media Officer**

Manages social media accounts such as Facebook

Lady Dagny Innaldi

[socialmedia@unserhafen.org](mailto:socialmedia@unserhafen.org)

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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# Awards and Recognitions

## Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.

Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the [website](#).

A list of Baronial Awards can be found [here](#).

A list of Kingdom Awards, and awards available from other groups, is available [here](#).

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Wimble Herald

- <http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php>

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- <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbc2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0>

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- <https://unserhafen.org>

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- <https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/>

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- <https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer>

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- <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer>

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